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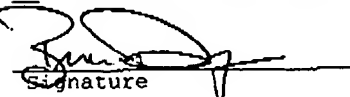
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 22, 2004 in which a three-month period for response expired on September 22, 2004. After granting the Request for a two-month extension of time, the response period will expire on November 22, 2004.

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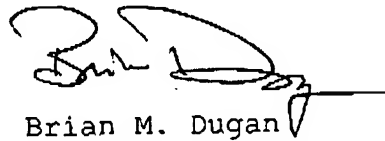
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Respectfully submitted,



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